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OF THE

Selectmen and other Town Officers

OF

CLAREMONT, N. H.,

INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE

Superintending School Committee,

FOR THE

Year ending March 1, 1878.

CLAREMONT, N. H.
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The State of New Hampshire.

L. S. To the inhabitants of the Town of Claremont, in the County of Sullivan, and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said Claremont, on Tuesday, the twelfth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

2. To vote for Governor, Councillor, Senator, Railroad Commissioner, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds and one County Commissioner.

3. To determine the number of Representatives the town will choose the present year.

4. To choose one or more Representatives to represent the town in the General Court to be holden at Concord on the first Wednesday of June next.

5. To choose a High School Committee for the Stevens High School for the ensuing year.

6. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the coming year.

7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of Schools the present year.

8. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of Stevens High School.

9. To determine how the school money shall be divided among the school districts the coming year.

10. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repair of Highways and Bridges the coming year, and determine how it shall be paid.

11. To raise by vote the necessary amount of money to pay the legal expenses of the town the coming year.

12. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay the debts of the town.

13. To see what sum of money the town will vote to pay Firemen.

14. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for the support of Street Lights the coming year.

15. To see what sum of money the town will raise or appropriate for the Fiske Free Library.

16. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to fit up the Bailey Building for the accommodation of the Fiske Free Library.

17. To see what sum of money the town will raise or appropriate for the support of the Poor.

18. To determine the rate of discount, if any, the town will allow to persons paying their taxes within such periods as the town may designate, in conformity with section 17, chapter 54 General Statutes.

19. To see if the town will choose an agent whose duty it shall be to go through the several cemeteries of the town, making all necessary repairs to fences and keeping posters therefrom, trimming up the grounds, and more particularly for righting up the headstones, and putting said cemeteries in more perfect order, and raise or appropriate money therefor.

20. To see if the town will vote to build a Reservoir near Draper's Corner, and raise or appropriate money therefor.

21. To see if the town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for the benefit of the Mechanics Brass Band, and determine the amount.

22. To see if the town will vote to instruct the trustees of the Tappan Fund to loan to the town a sum not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars, at six per cent interest, to be expended under the direction of the trustees of the Fiske Free Library in repairing and fitting up the Bailey building for the Library, in accordance with plans and specifications made by Mr. H. R. Beckwith.

23. To see if the town will vote to build a new bridge across Sugar River, in Main Street near the grist mill of the Claremont Mill Co., and raise money therefor.

24. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to restore to its original width the traveled portion of the highway leading from the stone watering trough, so called, to Red Water brook, and raise money therefor.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-third day of February, A. D. 1878.

STEPHEN F. ROSSITER,
JOHN W. JEWETT,
HOSEA P. SHEDD.
} Selectmen of Claremont.

REPORTS

OF THE OFFICERS OF THE

TOWN OF CLAREMONT, N. H.,

For the year ending March 1, 1878.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

Valuation.

Real Estate,	$ 1,451,948
Factories and Machinery,	280,950
Personal Estate,	445,496
1061 polls, at $ 100 each,	106,100
	$ 2,284,494
Less amount exempt,	76,168
	$ 2,208,326

The rate of taxation was $ 1.715 on one hundred dollars, in money, and eleven and three fourths cents, in labor on highways.

Amount of Taxes.

The amount of tax required to be assessed, by law and by vote of the town, was as follows:

For State Tax,	$ 7,012 00
County Tax,	7,492 79
Schooling, as required by law,	6,135 50
By vote of town to pay expenses of the town, debt and interest,	11,000 00
By vote of town for highways,	500 00
" " " water to Cemetery,	300 00
" " to pay verdict, Straw vs. town,	3,566 00
By vote of town, to pay costs in Straw suit,	162 86
Percentage added (about 4¾ per cent)	1,708 45
For tax on dogs,	265 00
Tax in School Dis. No. 15,	104 92
" " " 11,	551 24
" " " 2,	625 67
Non resident Highway Tax,	5 62
	$ 39,430 05

Liabilities of the Town.

FUNDED DEBT.

Bonds outstanding March 1st, 1877,	$ 132,400 00	
Bonds drawn Jan. 1, 1877, and paid July 1, 1877,	2,000 00	
Balance,		130,400 00
Accrued interest to March 1, 1878,		1,304 00
Coupons due and unpaid,		249 00
		$ 131,953 00
Note to Francis M. Cutting, and interest,		1,002 17
Total indebtedness,		132,955 17

Assets.

In the hands of Financial Agent of Trustees of the Fiske Free Library,	34 25	
Amount due from County,	172 36	
" " Mrs. C. Peck,	9 50	
Due from Collector, for 1877,	3,912 60	
In the hands of Treasurer of Committee of Stevens High School,	165 75	
Due on rent of school lands,	21 25	
In the hands of Town Treasurer,	653 67	4,969 38
Net indebtedness,		$ 127,985 79

Property owned by the town.

Stevens High School Building and Lot,	$ 25,000 00	
Town Hall,	10,000 00	
Selectmen's building and Lobby,	1,500 00	
Engine Houses,	1,500 00	
Engines and Hose,	3,500 00	
House on Cemetery Lot,	1,600 00	
Bailey Block,	4,500 00	
Spring water,	300 00	
One Piano,	300 00	
Two Hearses,	250 00	
Town Safes and Furniture,	250 00	
Fiske Free Library,	2,000 00	
Estimated value of Lease Land,	750 00	
		$ 51,450 00

Treasurer's Account.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury, March 1, 1877,	$ 3,054 17
School land rents, 1876,	21 25
Tax refunded by A. Williams,	4 73
From William Clark, on paupers,	3 50
Circus License,	20 00
John W. Jewett, from County,	1,464 10
Trustees Tappan Fund,	1,634 25
Savings Bank Tax,	5,665 53
Railroad "	321 99
Literary Fund,	329 81
Money borrowed of Francis M. Cutting,	1,000 00
School land rents,	23 75
Insurance Co.,	4 50
Rent of Cemetery house,	125 00
C. G. Buel, liquor agent,	200 00
Alfred Burrill, rent Town Hall,	305 75
O. B. Way, rent Bailey building,	167 35
Trustees Stevens High School,	800 00
Tax collector,	35,517 45
	$ 50,663 13

DISBURSEMENTS.

Support of District Schools,	$ 6,082 50	
Income of Tappan fund, for prizes,	1,830 00	
Support of poor,	1 598 48	
Interest on Town debt,	7,908 00	
Ringing bells and Sexton's services,	269 25	
Highways and bridges,	1,073 05	
Damage by dogs,	77 15	
Incidental expenses,	6,459 48	
Town officers,	1,659 80	
Paying debts of the Town,	2,000 00	
Building and repairing school houses,	1,225 00	
Abatement of Taxes,	573 09	
Discount on "	742 56	
Fire department,	1,271 91	
Stevens High school,	2,575 00	
Fiske Free Library,	150 00	
State Tax,	7,012 00	
County Tax,	7,492 79	
Bounty on Foxes,	9 40	50,009 46
Balance in hands of Treasurer,		$ 653 67

Incidental Expenses.

Paid Stephen F. Rossiter, invoice books and sawing wood,	4 50
Robert B. Lull, use of team and expenses to Marlow,	4 25
C. C. Ellis, returns of births and deaths,	2 00
A. R. Cummings, " "	3 75
C. A. Volk, " "	5 50
C. E. Baker, " "	75
L. J. Graves, " "	5 25
N. Tolles & Son, " "	11 25
O. B. Way, " "	6 75
L. C. Brow, ½ cord wood	2 75
Stephen F. Rossiter, paid E. L. Cushing, legal services, and expenses to Keene,	54 00
Stephen F. Rossiter, paid expenses to Newport, and Wait's legal advice	3 00
Frank Ela, digging ditch from town spring	51 00
William E. Tutherly, 4 blankets for lobby,	5 00
R. R. Bunnell, and others, reward for conviction of thieves, 1875,	100 00
A. C. Stone & Co., lead pipe, stop cocks, labor &c.,	232 55
Claremont Stationery Co., record books, blanks and stationery,	38 48
Joseph Weber, printing posters, blanks and advertising,	18 75
Cutler Edson, work and lime for fountain	26 45
Clar. M'f.g. Co., printing town reports, and paper,	36 33
James E. Cassidy, 5 loads stone and labor for Cemetery,	12 50
William Brooks, recording 2 deeds,	1 50
Geo. O. Woodcock, labor and freight on fountain,	11 50
Alfred Burrill, care of Town House, repairs on Hearse and Town House,	39 95
F. J. Ingals, labor on fountain	6 30
T. L. Heath, painting hearse,	25 00
William Nevers, cleaning well,	1 00
Geo. W. Fitch and others, land damage on school street,	140 34
Thomas Dart, set of coffin straps,	2 25
James M. Lewis, work in Town House,	1 50
Geo. W. Howe, staging " "	33 00
Jesse Sparling, work " "	17 30
N. Boucher, digging ditch to water trough	1 65
Stephen F. Rossiter, paid Martin for two loads stone and labor in Town Hall,	1 65
C. P. Ellis, right of way for aqueduct, and damage to grass &c.,	9 38
George Murphy, repairs in Town Hall,	15 33
Amount carried forward,	$932 46

Amount brought forward,		$ 932 46
Paid J. T. Little, painting and papering Town Hall,		125 23
Sugar River Paper Mill Co., iron pipe for spring,		2 00
C. L. Severance, stone and gravel for fountain,		5 70
William Clark, insurance on town hall,		125 00
John W. Jewett, land damage awarded R. B. Walker,		30 00
A. C. Stone, lead pipe and labor for stone watering trough and stove pipe for Town Hall,		21 93
Sullivan Machine Co., keyes for lobby, repairs on plows &c.,		16 32
Sidney Mitchell, repairs on well,		75
H. L. Kelsey, 4 gallons soap for Town Hall,		80
Sullivan Machine Co., keyes,		13 40
John M. Whipple, land damage in extending Pearl Street,		350 00
O. D. Blood, hand cuffs,		7 25
Horace Baker, moving fence,		2 25
Edmund Burke, legal services, Straw suit,		30 00
A. P. Carpenter, repairs town house roof,		1 25
E. D. Baker, legal services, printed copies, and copying in Straw suit,		116 00
John A. Marshall ½ cord stove wood,		3 00
Walter H. Ainsworth, moving safe, and freight,		16 68
Charles O. Eastman, insurance on Cemetery House,		4 75
Marshall S. Rossiter, school books and advertising,		7 68
Claremont Stationery Co., record book, stationery, &c.,		33 53
R. L. Smiley & Co., advertising town bonds,		3 00
George H. Stowell, paint stock, lime, cement, &c,.		72 31
Hosea P. Shedd, rent cemetery land,		6 00
John W. Jewett, envelopes and stamps,		1 49
Alfred Burrill, repairs and wood for town hall,		100 15
Haskell & Tolles, glass, paper and postage,		6 61
Mosler Bahaman & Co., safe for Town Clerk,		140 32
Congregational Society, use of land,		25
Stephen F. Rossiter, expenses to Newport and stamps,		1 80
H. P. Shedd, 2 quires paper,		1 25

STREET LIGHTS.

C. M. Fitch, for gas,	109 70	
H. S. Parmalee, for lighting and repairs,	129 90	239 60
C. M. Fitch, gas for Town Hall		102 10
Amount carried forward,		$ 2,520 86

Amount brought forward,		$2,520 86

DAMAGES ON HIGHWAY.

Paid Ira Colby, in suit, A. Straw *vs.* Town,	$3,802 87	
Granville Marshall, damage on highway,	10 00	
Sidney J. Huntley, damage on highway,	14 50	
Frank Rafferty, damage on highway,	7 50	
Norris Lufkin, " "	37 50	
C. E. Mitchell, " "	25 00	
E. Moot, " "	6 00	
Geo. C. Grannis, " "	2 00	
A. R. Vaughan, " "	4 00	$3,909 37

WATERING TROUGHS.

Paid Adam R. Leet, use water,	3 00	
John Blanchard, "	3 00	
Francis Whitcomb, "	3 00	
Timothy K. West, " 2 years,	6 00	
John M. Ager, "	2 25	
T. B. Fletcher, "	3 00	
Freeman S. Chellis, "	3 00	
Russell Jarvis, "	3 00	
H. L. Brooks, "	3 00	
		$29 25
		$6,459 48

Fire Department.

Paid Engine men,	$1,016 32
H. L. Redfield, work at engine house,	5 10
L. K. Warner, work at fire and filling reservoir,	5 00
H. K. Beckwith, making plans for engine house,	17 25
Jesse Sparling, work at engine house,	2 75
O. D. Blood, refreshments at fire, Old Paper Mill,	8 43
J. M. Lewis, labor at engine house,	10 00
A. C. Stone, roofing engine house,	76 00
Sullivan machine Co., repairs on hose and engine,	5 67
E. J. Bowen, repairs on hose,	2 50
B. T. White, services as fireman,	5 00
H. L. Redfield, services as steward,	13 05
O. D. Blood, for work on engine house, No. 4,	3 60
Jesse Sparling, work at engine house,	4 70
J. M. Lewis, services as steward,	7 00
Sugar River Mill Co., 14 hours labor at Fire O'Neil & C. M. Co.,	3 50
Amount carried forward,	$1,185 87

Amount brought forward.	$ 1,185 87
Paid H. E. Walker, services as fireman,	8 00
Frank Worcester "	9 00
Nelson Spaulding lettering coats for engine Co.,	1 50
George H. Stowell, locks, keys, Coal, Oil, &c.,	39 79
F. Haubrich & Co., 4 rubber coats, 4 caps,	18 75
M. S. Rossiter, work on hose and filling reservoir,	1 00
J. M. Lewis, services as fireman,	8 00
	$ 1,271 91

Town Officers.

Paid O. B. Way, services as moderator,			12 00
C. M. Bingham, services as Auditor,			6 00
H. W. Parker,	"	"	4 50
William Clark, services as		selectman,	22 50
Marshall S. Rossitor,	"	supt. school Com.	125 00
Henry L. Hubbard,	"	tax collector,	200 00
Edwin W. Tolles,	"	treasurer,	100 00
W. H. Redfield,	"	policeman,	12 25
F. F. Haskell,	"	town clerk,	64 31
O. D. Blood,	"	policeman,	26 00
C. G. Buel,	"	liquor agent,	200 00
G. C. Randall,	"	police officer,	15 00
N. W. Brown,	"	"	15 00
William E. Tutherly,	"	auditor,	4 50
John W. Jewett,	"	selectman,	268 87
"	"	overseer poor,	50 00
"	"	charge of tramps	40 00
Stephen F. Rossiter	"	selectman,	274 50
Hosea P. Shedd,	"	"	219 37
			$ 1,659 80

Highways and Bridges.

Paid John Knoll, breaking roads,	$ 1 25
Stephen F. Rossiter, paid repairs on highway,	5 00
James H. Lamberton, labor on highway,	4 00
A. H. Towle, labor on highway,	8 40
Luke Perkins, breaking roads,	7 55
William P. Bartlett, labor on highway,	2 75
Warren Mason, breaking roads,	15 00
Isaac H. Long, Plank, 4.56, labor, 3.29,	7 85
H. C. Freeman, 951 feet Plank, a 10 per M,	9 51
George F. Whitcomb, labor on highway,	6 34
Edmund Dole, " "	7 05
James E. Cassidy, " "	2 44
John G. Harriman, " "	3 62
Charles H. Swain, " and lumber,	6 50
Amount carried forward,	$ 87 26

Amount brought forward,		$87 26
Paid A. Spearin,	labor on highway,	3 00
Walter H. Ainsworth,	" "	7 50
Dan Orcutt,	" "	75
A. K. P. Butterfield,	" "	26 80
Daniel S. Bowker, plank and labor on highway,		6 50
Reuben Shepardson, lumber & labor on highway,		8 00
Nathaniel Tolles, for stone, on highway,		15 00
Matthew Caffrey, labor on highway,		6 68
D. F. Cutting, labor and timber, on highway,		54 99
A. S. Spearin,	" "	17 91
Charles H. Swain, 3392 feet plank,		39 92
Daniel N. Bowker, labor on bridge,		9 75
A. K. P. Butterfield, labor on highway,		96 19
Cutler Edson,	" "	11 75
George G. Clark,	" "	60
Freeman & Fletcher, 3850 feet lumber for bridge,		38 50
Jacob W. Sanborn, 50 posts,		6 00
Lewis W. Randall, labor on extension of Pearl St.,		57 50
Gel Lenven, labor on culvert,		6 25
Benjamin P. Martin, 18 loads stone,		42 00
A. K. P. Butterfield, labor on highway,		3 50
Stephen F. Rossiter, paid H. Jackson repairs on highway and grate,		22 72
Lewis W. Randall, labor on highway,		10 25
C. C. Cook,	" "	1 16
Ira F. Chandler, plank,		38 22
Hammon Walker, labor and plank,		11 17
Alvah W. Proctor, labor on bridge,		18 10
G. Putnam, labor on highway,		5 70
Benjamin F. Severence, labor on highway,		3 15
Sugar River Mill Co., lumber and labor,		17 71
Walter H. Ainsworth, 7 loads stone,		14 00
L. E. Jones, labor on highway,		4 95
J. F. Tasker, bridge across Red water brook.		150 00
A. H. Towle, labor on highway,		2 00
F. J. Ingalls,	" "	2 00
T. B. Fletcher,	" "	43 22
Monadnock Mill Co., plank,		7 21
James P. Piper, labor on highway,		1 60
Mighill Dustin, 183 feet plank,		1 83
Marshall S. Rossiter, 2 loads stone,		4 00
Homer E. Grannis, labor on highway,		8 03
D. F. Cutting, breaking roads,		3 60
George H. Stowell, powder, fuse, nails, &c.,		12 05
N. W. Brown, labor,		8 00
B. F. Severance, labor, lumber and stone,		40 24
G. W. Abbott, breaking roads,		3 37
E. P. White, labor on highway,		2 25
Joseph C. Jones,		3 00
Amount carried forward,		$985 97

Amount brought forward,	$985 97
Paid Timothy B. Rossiter,	1 00
A. S. Spearin, labor and breaking roads,	21 45
Horace G. P. Cross, lumber, stone and labor,	22 58
Matthew Caffrey, labor on highway, breaking roads,	3 90
A. W. Proctor, beaking roads,	6 00
James E. Cassidy, labor on highway,	6 00
Stephen J. Roberts,	6 15
Stowell & Welcome, labor and gravel on Pleasant St.	20 00
	$1,073.05

Public Schools.

Amount of money raised by law,	$6,135 50	
" Railroad Tax,	32 00	
" School land rents,	40 00	
" Interest from Tappan fund,	1,830 00	
		$8,037 50
Paid Sup. School Committee,		$125 00
		$7,912 50
Paid prizes from Tappan fund,		$1,830 00
Total amount expended for schools,		$6,082 50

Which by vote was divided $75 to each district and the remainder by the scholar, giving to 1350 scholars $3.45 each in addition to what is given to the district; the whole amount to each district being shown in the following

TABLE.

No. of district.	No. of scholars.	School Money.	Tappan Fund.	No. of district.	No. of scholars.	School Money.	Tappan Fund.
1	397	$1,444.65	$538.16	11	42	$219.90	$ 56.93
2	50	247.50	67.78	12	11	112.95	14.91
3	32	185.40	43.38	13	13	119.85	17.63
4	28	171.60	37.95	14	21	147.45	28.47
5	49	244.05	66.42	15	189	727.05	256.20
6	26	164.70	35.24	16	9	106.05	12.20
7	38	206.10	51.51	17	302	1,116.90	409.38
8	22	150.90	29.82	18	37	202 65	50.15
9	64	295.80	86.75	19	10	109.50	13.56
10	10	109.50	13.56		1350	$6,082.50	$1,830.00

STEPHEN F. ROSSITER,
JOHN W. JEWETT,
HOSEA P. SHEDD,
Selectmen of Claremont.

Pauper Account.

Town of Claremont in account with John W. Jewett, Overseer of Poor.

Due from the County, March 1, 1877,	$ 106 21	
Drawn from Town Treasury,	1,598 48	
		$ 1,704 69
Due from the County March 1, 1878,	$ 172 36	
" Mrs. C. Peck,	9 50	
Cash received from County and paid into the treasury,	1,464 10	
Cash paid J. Leet & Son, three tramps,	2 50	
" for support of 538 tramps,	37 49	
" carrying Sarah Harwood and children to County Farm,	1 50	
Cash paid for carrying Mary Johnson to farm,	1 50	
" " " Joseph Bryant to farm,	1 50	
" " " Joseph Dodge, to farm,	1 00	$ 1,691.45
Cost of supporting resident Town Poor,		$ 13 24

JOHN W. JEWETT,
Overseer of Poor.

Liquor Agent's Report for the year ending Mar. 1, 1878.

Amount of Liquor on hand, Mar. 1, 1878,	$ 475 37	
Amount paid Town Treasurer,	200 00	
		$ 675 37
Amount on hand, March 1, 1877,	$ 404 48	
Agent's salary,	200 00	
		$ 604 48
Profit to the town,		$ 70 89
Received for sale of Liquors and Casks,		$ 1,508 81
Paid for Liquors, freight and express,	$ 1,283 81	
U. S License,	25 00	
Paid Town Treasurer,	200 00	
		$ 1,508 81

CHARLES G. BUEL, *Town Liquor Agent.*

Report of Stevens High School Committee.

The school has continued upon the same basis as heretofore. As will be seen by reference to its annual catalogues, the number of scholars during the past year was almost exactly the *average* number for the nine years of the school's existence. The number of scholars from out of town has been somewhat more than the average.

There has been one change in the board of teachers during the year, and the illness of another made necessary the employment of a substitute for several weeks, when the committee were glad to secure the services of one of the earliest graduates of the school, Miss Abby E. Read, who acceptably discharged the duties of the position.

The text books, and the studies pursued are much the same as heretofore, and it is believed that the relations subsisting between the teachers and scholars are not only entirely pleasant but eminently profitable.

The pressure brought to bear upon the committee for the admission of scholars not fitted to grapple with the studies about to be pursued, and the seeming necessity for it, in the want of all systematic grading of scholars in most of the lower schools in town, still has its effect in keeping the standard of scholarship lower than is by the committee deemed desirable or for the best interests of all concerned; and yet, through the industry and skill of the teachers, much has been and continues to be accomplished from year to year.

The building is believed to to be in good repair. It will be seen by the Treasurer's report appended that the greater part of the money expended for repairs during the year has been upon the furnaces—both of which have been supplied with new fire pots.

The whole expense, to the town, of maintaining the school has been somewhat less than in the year before, and has not exceeded the appropriation, which was about eighteen dollars per scholar.

The following is our Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

On hand from last year,	$ 430 48
Received from selectmen,	2,575 00
" for tuition, from non residents,	209 50
Total,	$ 3,214 98

EXPENDITURES.

For Teachers' salaries,	$2,570 66	
Fuel,	160 73	
Services of janitor,	125 00	
Furnace repairs,	76 20	
Other repairs and cleaning,	37 13	
Unpaid bills of former years,	31 56	
Printing Catalogues, Programmes, &c.,	34 00	
Other incidentals,	13 95	
Total,		$3,049 23
Leaving unexpended,	$165 75	

GEORGE G. IDE, *Treasurer.*

JAMES P. UPHAM,
WILLIAM E. TUTHERLY,
GEORGE G. IDE,
ALVAH R. CUMMINGS,
CHARLES H. EASTMAN.
} *Stevens High School Committee.*

Fiske Free Library.

Financial Report.

The Trustees of Fiske Free Library, in account with Fiske Free Library, Dr.

Received of Geo. G. Ide, Treas. of last year,		$41 90
" A. J. Swain, for fines and sale of catalogues,		16 75
" of town for support of Library,		150 00
		$208 65
Cr.		
Paid A. J. Swain, Librarian,	$111 50	
C. M. Fitch, for gas,	6 50	
E. P. Storrs, for tags &c ,	1 40	
Claremont M'f'g Co., for rebinding 104 volumes,	52 00	
Claremont M'f'g Co , for cards,	3 00	
Cash in hand at date,	$34 25	
		$208 65
Total expense of Library for year ending Mar. 1 1878,		$174 40

In account with Library Building. *Dr.*

Received for rents from Apr. 1, 1877 to date,		$254 17
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By Paid for repairs on building,	$7 74	
J. Tyler for water,	5 00	
H. A. Beckwith for plan of building,	35 25	
Mrs. E. Blodgett int. on $4.500 from April 1, to May 14,	30 50	
Deposited in Town Treasury,	167 35	
Cash in hand at date,	8 33	
		$254 17

At the end of the year, April 1, 1878, there will be due for rents, in addition to the sum already received, $ 165.83, which shows the whole amount for rents, the present year, to be $ 420 00. By reason of the contemplated remodeling of the building, a portion of the upper floors was not rented till October. Since that time the rent has been at the rate of $ 475.00 per year. The interest on the money paid for the building ($ 4,500.00) is $ 270.00 annually.

O. B. WAY, *Financial Agent of Trustees of Fiske Free Library.*

Claremont, N. H., March 1, 1878.

Report of Committee on Tappan Fund.

Collected interest on fund, amounting to sixteen hundred thirty-four dollars and twenty-five cents ($ 1,634.25) and paid the same into town treasury. Collected of Sugar River Paper Mill Co., May 10, 1877, forty-five hundred dollars and paid the same to Trustees of Fiske Free Library in conformity to vote of town March 13th, 1877. Investment of balance of fund the same as last year' twenty thousand dollars in Claremont town bonds and six thousand dollars loaned to the Sugar River Paper Mill Co., at six per cent interest.

STEPHEN F. ROSSITER,
JOHN W. JEWETT,
HOSEA P. SHEDD,
EDWARD L. GODDARD,
JAMES P. UPHAM,
DANIEL W. JOHNSON,
EDWARD J. TENNEY.
} *Committee.*

We, the undersigned, Auditors of the town of Claremont, have examined the foregoing accounts of the Town Treasurer, Selectmen, Overseer of the Poor, Liquor Agent, Treasurer of Stevens High School Committee, the Financial Agent of the Trustees of the Fiske Free Library, and the Committee on the Tappan Fund, and find the same correct, with proper vouchers.

Claremont, March 1st, 1878.

WILLIAM E. TUTHERLY,
H. W. PARKER,
C. M. BINGHAM.
} Auditors.

Report of Trustees of the Stevens High School Fund.

March 1st, 1878.

The amount of this Fund in the hands of the Trustees is the same as reported last year, viz. $ 10,000, invested in notes secured by mortgage, the income of which, $ 800, has been paid into the Town treasury. We have as yet received no part of the $ 40,000 bequeathed by Mr. Stevens, from the Executors of his estate.

We have received from the Executor of the will of Mary Jane Alden, the sum of $ 111.30, and have come into possession of her late homestead on High street.

G. N. FARWELL, A. DICKINSON, E. L. GODDARD, } Trustees of the Stevens High School Fund.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Chief Engineer's Report,

For the year ending March 1, 1878.

The fire record for the past year is as follows—

April 4, at New Paper Mill; Sept. 2, at Old Paper Mill; Sept. 29, at Freeman & O'Neils; Nov. 3, at John O'Clair's; Nov. 28, at Fair Ground. Those at New Paper Mill, Freeman & O'Neil's and John O'Clairs resulted in slight damage; those at the Old Paper Mill and Fair Ground, were more considerable, the latter resulting in the entire destruction of what was known as the Floral Hall.

The Fire Department on all these occasions has been in good working order and prompt and active.

During the past year there has been no extra expense for any thing, for machinery, hose, Engine Houses, (except tinning roof of No. 4, and putting on two new locks, one on each of the two houses) or reservoirs. All are at the present time in good condition and ready for active service. And I do not suggest any extra outlay for the coming year except for reservoirs, and that in two cases, one of which is covered by an

article in the warrant for the coming town meeting, and the other I recommend should be placed at or near the Junction of North and Elm Streets, on the road leading to Algernon Willis'.

Very Respectfully,
O. D. BLOOD, Chief Engineer.

Estimate for 1878.

For payment of State Tax,	$ 7,012 00
" of County Tax,	7,804 98
" refunded Debt,	2,000 00
" Interest,	7,764 00
support of Stevens High School,	1,400 00
" Common Schools as required by Law,	6,135 50
" Poor,	200 00
" Fire Department,	1,300 00
Incidental expenses,	3,000 00
street lights,	250 00
repair of Highways and Bridges,	3,000 00
	$ 39,866 48

STEPHEN F. ROSSITER,
JOHN W. JEWETT,
HOSEA P. SHEDD,
Selectmen of Claremont.

REPORT

OF THE

Superintendent of the Common Schools

OF

CLAREMONT,

For the year ending March 1, 1878.

In accordance with the provisions of the statute, the Superintendent of the Common Schools of Claremont presents the following report:

A school has been taught in each of the nineteen districts over which your Committee has had supervision, for at least two terms, and in eleven districts there have been three terms in the year.

There have been sixty nine schools, the past year, taught in the nineteen districts. Thirty six different teachers have been employed—thirty one females and five males.

Considering the schools of the town as a whole, I think they have been better this year than either of the preceding two years which I have acted as Superintendent. With very few exceptions—not more than one or two at the most—the teachers have themselves been interested in their work, and have labored hard for the advancement of their pupils. We have had no failures this year, and the large majority of the sixty nine terms have been what I call good schools. All of our schools might have been better, yet we have had fewer poor, and more profitable schools this year than in either of the two previous years. This has been due in part to the greater care exercised in selecting teachers, and then keeping those who succeeded well, through the year. I think that there has also been in some districts,—and these are the districts in which we find our best schools, an increased interest on the part of parents.

Too much cannot be said concerning the co-operation of parents with teachers. The *best* teacher, alone, cannot make a school pleasant or productive of the greatest good. Parents often underrate the influence they exert *against* the teacher. Then again, frequent visits to the schools by parents will have a tendency to stimulate the children to increased interest and devotion to study, and, I doubt not, in many, cases, improve their manners and behavior in the school room.

Time of year for most profitable schools. I am convinced that this subject is not sufficiently entertained by Prudential Committees. To the observing teacher it readily becomes a matter of serious interest.

It cannot fail to be noticed that the same schools evince different degrees of enterprise during different seasons of the year. Extreme hot weather is in every sense detrimental to mental occupation. We ought to have no schools during July and August. The same length of time employed in early and late summer or autumn terms will be attended with better results.

I take pleasure in calling the attention of parents to the Roll of Honor—a larger number than ever before—this is due to the encouragement offered scholars by the Tappan Fund.

The foregoing, together with Roll of Honor and Statistical Table is presented as my Report.

M. S. Rossiter,
Sup't of Schools.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following scholars having attended school one or more terms, without having an absent or tardy mark on the register, are deserving of a place on the *Roll of Honor*.

District No. 1. For one term. Maggie Reynolds, Annie Reynolds, Mike Reynolds, George Woodell, Chas. Woolett, Arthur Laducer, Harry Dickinson, Charles Webster, Rose Charon, Lizzie Lull, Nellie Neal, Ned Heywood, Robert Burns, Earnest Jacques, Bessie Kennedy, Emma Kempton, Maggie Keating, Don Colby, Edna Ewer, Emma Buckley, Nettie Jewett, Mary Burns, Nellie Burns, Annie Kennedy, Charles Mann, James O'Hayer, Eddie Smiley, Willie Wetmore, John Whipple, Eddie Winn, Elwin Proctor, Frank Perkins, Frank Reynolds, Tim Kennedy, Willie Elmer, Arthur Perry, Edgar A. Noyes, Harry H. Love, Frank L. Ide, Prentiss Dow, 2d, Isdore H. Chicoine, Thomas J. Harris, Jr., Henry A. Haskell, Linner Gould, Fannie L. Eggleston, Ida E Flagg, Alice C. Chase, Maggie C. Kennedy, Annie L. Elmer.

For two terms—Matilda Peno, Fannie Buckley, Josie Charion, Emma Mitchell, Nellie Kempton, Jennie E. Beane, John Burns, Eddie Donnely, George Warner, Frank Holden, Herbert Spencer, George Wolcott, Charles I Woodbury, Fred M. Parmalee, Sidney M. Smith, Arthur W. Swain.

For three terms—Florence L. Kempton, Susie W. Swain, Etta S. Osgood, Nellie M. Dole, Charles O. Cummings, William B. Deane, Charles A. H. Perkins, Charles A. Neal, James S. Donnely.

District No. 2. For one term. Chester M. Sprague, Fernando P. Ayer, Ralph Bailey, George M. Delno, Eddie W. Stockwell, Frank E. Stockwell, Addie M. Chase, Louisa M. Root, Mattie L. Hart, Eva E. Walker.

For two terms—Frank E. Chase, Fannie A. Walker, Luna J. Nichols, Frances E. Fisher, Minnie H. Walker.

For three terms—Clarence C. Dole, John D. Ayer, Carrie E. Bailey.

District No. 3. For one term. Juliette E. Cone, Agnes M. Messer, Nellie F. Sturtevant, Edna M. Sturtevant, Addie A. Fargo, Carrie V. Sturtevant, Victoria Micheand, Anna E. Slate, Ola M. Pope.

For two terms—Chester P. Shedd, Auric N. Cone, Lydia M. Fargo, Carrie Shattuck.

For three terms—Kate F. Reed, Martha E. Shedd.

District No. 4. For one term—Charles Lovejoy, Johnnie Judkins, Johnnie Farrington, Johnnie Fissell, Bertie P. Porter, Luther H. Terry, Lucius H. Terry, Ada A. Conley, Minnie Conley, Gertrude Sargent, Minnie I. Sargent, Anna L. Lewis.

For two terms—Ella S. Cross.

District No 5. For one term—Erving Heath, Frank D. Watton, Richard Jones, Clarence Fletcher, C. O. Bradford.

For two terms—Eddie E. Mason, Willie Daley, Forest T. Heath, Foster J. Heath, Mathew R. Canty, Fred E. Watton, John M. Daly, Nellie E. Mason, Jennie E. Watton, Ellen P. Jones, Ada L. Veasey, Mary A. Mason.

For three terms—John Daly, James Terry, Clifton E. Densmore, Fred W. Densmore, Daniel Canty, Julia D. White, Alice B. Mason.

District No. 6. For one term—Eddie Cassady, Mary J. Caffrey.

For two terms—Lizzie A. Cassady.

District No. 7. For one term—Walter S. Spearin, Willie C. Phelps, Francis E. Leet, Nettie Davis.

For two terms—Robert R. Ager, Ella G. Leet, Florence B. Leet.

District No. 8. For one term—George E. Butler, George B. Wright, Herman Wessell, Lewis P. Piper.

For two terms—Patrick T. Sweeney, Mary A. Sweeney.

District No. 9. For one term—Thomas A. Bailey, John Carroll, Lemmie R. Dole, Eddie S. Hale, Simeon Sankee, Frank E. Willy, Charles E. Young, Ina R. Dole, Imogene Foster.

For two terms—Willie S. Lewis, Henry S. Sargent, Edward M. Silsby, Josiah F. Willson, Kate Carroll, Hannah Carroll, Etta M. Lewis, Hattie E. Sargent, Minnie Wolcott, Addie Young.

For three terms—Susie Shea.

District No 10. For one term—Arthur W. Lamberton.

For two terms—Annie E. Gaffney, Lillie M. Gaffney.

District No. 11. For one term—Alton J. Stowell, Fred W. Sterns, Arthur N. Stowell, Jennie M. Martin.

For two terms—George D. Roberts, Ora E. Cowles.

For three terms—Bert J. Bartlett.

District No. 12. For one term—Sam W. Wagner, George N. Fifield, Austin L. Farnsworth.

District No. 13. For one term—Mabel Thrasher.

For two terms—Elmer N. Chaffin.

District No. 14. For one term—Fred E. Stickney, Anna B. Swain, Abbie A. Slate, Etta J. Ayres, Sadie J. Wheeler, David H. Lamberton, John C. Lamberton, Charles O. Stearns.

For two terms—Everett E. Colburn, John C. Freeman, Etta G. Judd.

For three terms—James Colburn, Eddie Freeman, John B. Colburn, Walter C. Judd, Etta M Freeman.

District No. 15. For one term—Webster Thrasher, Eddie Cushion, James Mulhurn, Willie Bush, Charles Crowley, Wyman Pease, Willie Hoban, Edward Luzo, Herbert Daly, Eddie Floyd, David Thibodo, Dora Frister, Agnes Carey, Della Whitmore, Bertie Whitmore, Alice Pierce, Jennie Hall, Clara Noyes, Mabel Thrasher, Eva Dustin, Mary Ayers,

Gertrude Nevers, Mary Nevers, Lettie Macomber, Etta Ayers, Ida Dustin, Sarah Egan, Ella Cary, Delia Dion, Mary Heslin, Annie Heslin, Agnes Hoban, Georgianna Sharron, Addie Bean, Alice Bean.

For two terms—Walter Sulloway, Charles Sulloway, Charlie Rand, George Barron, Willie Bean, Clarence Reed, Charles Heath, Charles Abbott, Charles Straw, Patrick Shannon. Willie Sweeney, Fred Back, Frank Fletcher, Johnnie Shannon, Eugene Rowell, Emma Carey, Ida Barron, Alice Pride, Minnie Barron, Minnie Back, Gertrude Sulloway, Mary Egan, Mary Frister, Josie Thibodo.

For three terms—Dannie Kelley, James Shannon, Nathan Fay, John Frawley, Marcia Sweeney, Nellie Rowell, Minnie Rowell, Etta Foss, Nellie Crowley, Annie Crowley, Mertie Fletcher, Jennie Shannon.

District No. 16. For one term—Charles T. Rossiter, Charles N. Piper, Dollie E. Town, Annie M. Wilmarth, Alice C. Harriman.

For three terms—Stella G. Wright, Vesta A. Piper.

District No. 17. For one term—Willie Fitch, Merritt Pierce, Webb Freeman, Sherrie Stowell, Willie Dart, Rollin Dunham, Fred Jenks, Theron Jackson, James Mc Guire, Leonard Hurd, John Hoban, Clarence Dowling, Edward Donigan, James Richardson, Willie Richardson, Patrick Kittrick, De Witt C. Howe, Charles Hale, George Donigan, John Quinn, Willie Farwell, James Martin, Willie Putnam, Napoleon Cuture, Ernest Mossia, Harvey Mossia, Lewis Noley, Willie Noley, Laura Briggs, Alice Hough, Nellie Sanford, Addie Walker, Luna Whitmore, Alice Pride, Flora Spring, Lizzie Carey, Mary Jones, Kate Bolster, Etta Merrill, Hattie Kimball, Alice Freeman, Mary Cuture, Emma Labor, Nellie Mulhern, Mary Noley, Eva Noley, Nettie Hubbard, Jennie A. Brooks, Ruth E. Brooks, Fannie Dowling, Alice Hall, Maggie Surratt, Mary A. Bailey, Mary L. Stone.

For two terms—Fred Briggs, Edgar Currier, Arthur Putnam, George Silsby, George Sweatt, Fay Volk, Carl Carlton, Charles Perkins, Henry C. Spaulding, James C. Ide, Della Collins, Belle Dowlin, Ida Stowell, Annie Bailey, Florence Bailey, Louie Briggs, Eva Normand, Hattie Rossiter, Mary Weld, Martha Weld, Myra Briggs, Susie Bailey, Grace Carlton, Winnie Mulhern, Jennie Parks, Addie B. Barney, Mary Fitch, Kate Hough, Susie Halpin, Mary Putnam, E. Etta Philbrook, M. Maud Spaulding, Annie M. Hoban.

For three terms—Samuel Prouty, Charles Darling, John Hoban, Harry T. Eaton, Edward Mc Carty, Richard Mc Carty, Elmer H. Jackson, Murrie D. Griffith, George O. Ball, Willie Fry, George Papps, Frank Taylor, Belle Donigan, Minnie Hoban, Gratha Volk, Mytie Collins, Rose Carey, Eva Colburn, Eva Jenks, Nellie Mc Carty, Berdella B. Eastman, Mertie M. Griffith, Lettie Collins, Kate Carey, Emma Noley, Kate Papps, Nellie Redfield, Alice Stowell, Emma Taylor.

District No. 18. For one term—Arthur Blanchard, Sippeon

Dion, Sidney Reed, Eddie S. Reed, Walter H. Howard, Mary Nevers, Alice Nott, Jennie Walker, Nettie Walker, Grace E. Webster.

For two terms—Herman Ingals, Willie J. Kimball, William E. Tutherly, Freddie A. Knights, Wallace Moody, Edith M. Howard, Ellen Nott, Mary Walker.

For three terms—Ora Blanchard, Ora Reed, Josephine E. Webster, Florence M. Blanchard.

District No. 19. For one term—Mary E. Judd, Ada A. Judd.

For two terms—Tracy B. Hart, J. Wallace Burbee, Carrie J. Hart, Effie M. Hart.

No. of District.	Names of Prudential Committee.	Amount of money from Town.	Amount from Tappen fund.	Department.	Summer, Fall and Winter.	Names of Teachers.	No. of scholars	Av. attendance	L'gth in weeks	No. of scholars in district.	Wages per month including board.
1	William Clark.	$1444.65	$538.16	Prim.	S	Katharine H. Deane.	53	51	12	397	$32.00
					S	Mary B Deane,	31	28	12		28.00
					F	Katharine H. Deane,	53	48	16		32.00
					F	Mary B. Deane,	33	28	16		30.00
				Inter.	W	Katharine H. Deane,	..	...	..		32.00
					S	Clara A. Haubrich,	42	40	12		32.00
					F	" "	38	36	16		32 00
					W	" "	..	...	...		32.00
				Gram.	S	Fannie B. Jones,	30	26	12		36.00
					F	" "	36	32	16		36.00
					W	" "	...	...	..		36.00
2	Chas. A. Fisher,	247.50	67.78	.....	S	Charlotte M. Lewis,	22	20	10	50	24.00
					F	" "	27	26	8		22.00
					W	Steph. J. Roberts, jr ,	33	31	14		28.00
3	C. V. Paddock,	185.40	43.38	.....	S	Mary E Lord,	21	20	10	32	22.00
					F	" "	18	14	12		24.00
					W	" "	13	12	8		24.00
4	Horace Cross, jr.,	171.60	37.95	.....	S	Nellie M. Cross,	13	13	12	28	22.00
					W	S. W. Dunsmoor,	14	13	12		28.00
5	Lucian E. Jones,	244.05	66.42	.....	S	Nancie M. Fowler,	28	26	12	49	26.00
					F	" "	26	25	8		26.00
					W	Charlotte M. Lewis,	28	27	13		24.00
6	M. V. Merrill.	164.70	35.24	.....	S	Etta M. Walker,	5	4	10	26	16.00
					W	Sarah M. Walker,	11	9	14		20.00
7	Daniel Kenyon,	206.10	51.51	.....	S	Marion L. Eggleston,	13	12	12	38	20.00
					W	" "	19	18	14		32.00
8	I. H. Long,	150.90	29.82	.....	S	Alice A. Rogers,	13	12	9	22	16.00
					W	" "	11	9	13		24.00
9	Josiah Wilson,	295.80	86.75	.....	S	Susie F. Osgood,	31	28	10	64	22.00
					F	" "	40	36	12		26.00
					W	" "	42	36	12		32.00
10	Nichol's Gaffney,	109.50	13.56	.....	S	Sarah H. Mitchell,	11	9	9	10	20.00
					W	" "	10	7	12		20.00
11	Wm. P. Bartlett,	219.90	56.93	.....	S	Edward D. Reardon,	17	14	8	42	32.20
					F	Anna J. B ooks,	21	19	8		20 00
					W	Edward D. Reardon,	23	19	9		30.00
12	Peter Haubrich.	112.95	14.91	.....	S	Abbie E. Edson,	5	5	10	11	20.00
					W	" "	7	7	13		20.00
13	B. F. Thrasher,	119.85	17.63	.....	S	E. Lavonn Walker,	9	7	10	13	20.00
					W	Frank H. Perry,	8	6	10		24.00
14	Edwin T. Ayers,	147.45	28.47	. ....	S	Luella M. Freeman,	21	12	8	21	20.00
					F	Lizzie V. Clark,	11	10	6		20.00
					W	Mary A. Freeman,	18	17	10		27.00
15	Geo. C. Randall,	727.05	256.20	Gram. Prim.	S	Jennie J. Adams,	60	58	11	189	24.00
					F	" "	60	57	11		24.00
					W	Marion Westgate,	63	55	11		32.00
					S	Frank E. Badger,	36	34	11		28.00
					F	" "	39	36	11		28.00
					W	M. S. Rossiter,	45	42	11		45.00
16	John F. Jones,	106.05	12.20	.....	S	Abbie E. Densmoore,	10	10	8	9	20.00
					F	" "	10	9	9		20.00
					W	" "	16	14	12		20.00
17	I. D. Hall, C. N. Freeman, Jac'b Woodb'y	1,116.90	409.38	Prim.	S	Fannie A. Spencer,	41	39	10	302	24.00
					F	" "	38	36	10		24.00
					W	" "	41	40	11		24.00
				Inter.	S	Mary T. Young,	43	38	10		24.00
					F	" "	44	39	10		24.00
					W	" "	45	40	11		24.00
				Gram.	S	Fannie G. Patrick,	33	30	11		28.00
					F	" "	36	29	11		28.00
					W	" "	29	27	12		28.00
					S	Isophene K. Dow,	27	26	11		28.00
					F	" "	32	31	11		28.00
					W	" "	33	31	12		28.00
18	W. E. Tutherly,	202.65	50.15	.....	S	Sarah J. Wolcott,	21	21	8	37	24.00
					F	Etta West,	23	21	8		24.00
					W	" "	21	20	8		24.00
19	Anson Burbee,	109.50	13.56	.....	S	H. E. Sawyer,	6	6	10	10	23.00
					W	Nellie M. Cross,	5	4	9		22.00

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